# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF PARAFFIN WAX
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Match Industry is facing shortage of Paraffin wax;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof; and

(c) the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Recently, the demand for match wax has gone up in the State of Tamil Nadu owing to increases in capacity and the addition of new match units and Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) are unable to fulfill the increased demand fully because of limitations in plant capacity and feedstock availability. The All India Chamber of Match Industries have also submitted a Memorandum regarding the short supply of Paraffin Wax.

(c): While oil companies will continue to maintain their production / supply of Paraffin wax to meet the existing demands, Government have decontrolled the import of Paraffin wax and consuming companies are free to import directly their requirements of Paraffin wax and match wax.